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Ranking Member John Barrasso
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Re: National Clean Energy Incubator Program support

Dear Chair Manchin, Chair Johnson, Chair Pallone, Ranking Member Barasso, Ranking Member McMorris Rodgers and Ranking Member Lucas:

This coalition applauds your effort to prioritize the rebuilding of our nation's infrastructure to meet the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead, while simultaneously setting in motion long-term transformations necessary to build a 100 percent clean energy future.

We urge you to fully fund investments in clean energy that match the scale of structural change required of the nation's economy. Specifically, funding to accelerate the commercial application of clean energy technologies is absolutely critical in the national transition to a clean energy economy.

Robust funding for clean energy incubators is a critical piece of the upcoming reconciliation package, as it will have a powerful impact on our ability to bring innovative technologies to market, accelerate the development of new industries and will help create thousands of high paying jobs.

Specifically, we support the inclusion of the following provisions:

- o The **"Energizing Technology Transitions Act" (H.R. 4606)**, which will assist in filling critical gaps in the energy innovation and technology development lifecycle that have negative implications with regard to U.S. innovation, competitiveness, national security, and global

greenhouse gas reductions. **Most notably in the legislation, we support Section 101, which provides \$15 million per year for a National Clean Energy Incubator Program.**

The investments made by the U.S. Department of Energy into energy innovation and technology over the past 20 years, both within and outside of the 17 national labs, puts the U.S. at the forefront of an opportunity to be an unrivaled world leader in energy technology and energy dominance. However, we believe that in order to scale the type of energy innovation required to bolster American economic competitiveness and national security, the funding for this program needs to be \$15 million per year.

Clean energy innovators and entrepreneurs help drive American economic growth and competitiveness through job creation and technology development. However, many innovators and entrepreneurs face challenges in gathering the resources they need to build their businesses. Incubators work with early-stage companies to provide lab and office space, engage potential customers and investors, and develop their business models. They play a pivotal role in strengthening the American innovation and entrepreneurial communities.

Sincerely,

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